

IS YOUR LANDSCAPING FIRE SAFE?



If you live in a high fire hazard area, there are three things that you should do to improve your home's ability to survive a wildfire. First, have an ignition resistant home. Second, create a defensible space around your home by thinning native brush, pruning trees and removing dead vegetation. Third, landscape your yard with ornamental plants which will not ignite easily or burn intensely. Some ornamental plants such as; junipers, cedars, brooms and other evergreens can be just as flammable as the native vegetation, and should not be planted within thirty feet of your house. During a wildfire, blowing embers can ignite these plants and spread the fire to your home. To reduce the fire hazard it is better to plant deciduous shrubs and trees, low-growing plants, and herbaceous flowers close to your home.

For more information here are two excellent web sites:

Choosing the Right Plants for Northern Nevada's High Fire Hazard Areas

www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/nr/2007/eb0701.pdf

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